

SPEEDWEEK 2007

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The winners are announced.

Last night in a royal ceremony the winners of the Walvis Bay Speedweek were announced. The Jesse Jordan band then entertained the riders for a night which will be remembered in Walvis Bay for a long time...

In the men's windsurfing race it was windsurfing legend Bjorn Dunkerbeck who sailed a flawless week of heats to secure the winning position. Bjorn also won the prestigious 'King of the Strip' trophy, which is awarded to the rider who gets the fastest run of the contest.

In second it was Antoine Albeau and in third, Patrick Diethelm. The top finishing local rider was Hennie Bredenkamp from South Africa who finished in an amazing 6th position. Other Local riders who finished in the top 20 were; Matthias Roettcher 13th, Owen Kitchen 15th, Frank Stein 16th and Darren Barker 17th.

In the ladies race it was Valerie Ghibaudo who dominated the heats and took the winning position ahead of Karin Jaggi and Maaïke Kallenborn.

Alex Caizergues kited his way into the top position from the first day and remained there for the entire contest. Dutch youngster Rolf van der Vlugt was on top form and finished second ahead of Sylvian Hoceini. The top finishing South African were Graham Lukas and Taro Niehaus who came in at 12th and 13th. In the ladies kiting race Charlotte Consorti just managed to keep ahead of Sjoukje Bredenkamp and clinched the pole position. Sjoukje did however still set the fastest speed among the ladies.

The week that was.

All in all it was a great Speedweek, impeccable organisation made for no major hiccups and with plenty new national records Walvis Bay has reclaimed its rightful position with many as the best speed sailing destination in the world. The riders enjoyed 7 heats in total. And sailing was possible on all but one of the allowed racing days.

Up next.

For the next three days the timing system is set up for the nautical mile racing. All riders will be put to the ultimate speed sailing endurance test and see if they can handle the full mile. Enjoy.